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Special Article

WHOLESALE PRICES IN JUNE

BOARD OF TRADE INDEX NUMBER

The following table shows the movement of wholesale prices in the last thirteen months in each of the eleven groups of commodities specified. It also shows the changes over the same period in prices of (a) industrial materials, classified according to stage of manufacture, and (b) building materials. All the commodities included in (a) and (b) are also included in their appropriate commodity groups (V-XI). In cases where the Government buys a commodity at one price and resells it at a lower one (e.g. home-produced meat) the subsidised price is the one used for the index; where different prices are charged according to the use to which the article is put (e.g. in the case of sugar and flour) a weighted average of these is taken.

Averages for the Year 1930 = 100

Group	1941							1942					
	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
I. Cereals	146·5	148·5	151·2	157·7	160·8	163·7	168·0	173·7	195·5	201·5	199·9	203·0	194·8
II. Meat, fish and eggs	119·7	116·2	116·4	116·4	115·8	115·5	116·0	116·2	116·0	116·0	116·0	116·0	116·0
III. Other food and tobacco ...	165·4	170·7	167·0	165·5	165·3	166·2	167·5	166·5	166·4	165·3	171·5	176·7	175 9
Total—Food and tobacco ...	145·1	146·3	145·8	147·1	147·7	148·7	150·5	151·6	156·9	157·9	159·8	162·6	160·4
IV. Coal	161·1	161·5	162·1	162·1	162·5	162·8	162·8	162·8	162·8	162·8	162·8	162·8	162·8
V. Iron and steel	181·2	181·3	181·2	181·2	181·5	181·4	181·7	181·7	181·7	182·2	182·7	182·7	182·7
VI. Non-ferrous metals	124·1	123·8	123·7	123·7	123·7	123·7	124·1	125·4	125·4	125·4	125·4	125·4	126 0
VII. Cotton	139·5	140·0	140·3	141·1	141·1	142·1	142·4	142·9	144·0	144·0	143·6	143·6	143·6
VIII. Wool	170·3	170·6	170·7	170·9	171·3	171·7	171·9	171·9	171·9	171·9	171·9	171·9	171·9
IX. Other textiles	123·2	123·6	124·0	128·5	128·1	127·9	126·5	127·0	127·6	127·0	127·0	127·2	127·2
X. Chemicals and oils	126·4	127·5	127·9	128·3	128·5	129·2	129·7	130·4	132·6	134·2	134·3	134·5	134·6
XI. Miscellaneous	168·4	169·1	169·8	171·4	172·0	172·8	172·6	172·2	172·1	170·5	171·3	171·8	170·6
Total—Industrial materials and manufactures	156·1	156·5	156·8	157·7	158·0	158·3	158·4	158·5	159·0	158·9	159·2	159·4	159·2
TOTAL—All articles	152·4	153·2	153·2	154·3	154·6	155·2	155·9	156·4	158·5	158·8	159·6	160·7	159·8
ndustrial materials (excluding fuel):—													
Basic materials	167·0	167·7	168·1	170·4	170·9	171·0	170·5	170·5	170·6	168·3	168·6	169·1	167·9
Intermediate products	165·6	165·8	165·8	166·7	167·0	167·5	167·7	167·8	167·8	167·9	168·0	168·1	168·3
Manufactured articles...	148·5	148·6	148·9	149·1	149·4	149·8	150·3	150·7	151·1	151·7	152·2	152·2	152·3
uilding materials	139·3	140·0	140·3	140·3	141·0	141·1	141·8	141·9	142·6	142·9	143·3	143·3	143·6

Special Article—*Continued.*

PRICE CHANGES IN COMMODITY GROUPS

The following table shows the number of items included in each of the groups of commodities distinguished in compiling the index number, and the percentage changes in each group comparing prices in June with those of a month and a year earlier; the index numbers for August 1939 are given to show the movement since the outbreak of war.

Group	No. of items	Increase (+) or Decrease (−) per cent. in June 1942, compared with		Index Numbers (1930 = 100)		
		May 1942	June 1941	June 1942	May 1942	Aug. 1939
I. Cereals	20	− 4·0	+33·0	194·8	203·0	84·0
II. Meat, fish and eggs	20	*	− 3·1	116·0	116·0	84·3
III. Other food and tobacco ...	28	− 0·4	+ 6·4	175·9	176·7	100·1
Total—Food and tobacco ...	68	− 1·3	+10·5	160·4	162·6	90·4
IV. Coal	9	*	+ 1·0	162·8	162·8	117·4
V. Iron and steel ...	37	*	+ 0·8	182·7	182·7	128·6
VI. Non-ferrous metals	8	+ 0·5	+ 1·6	126·0	125·4	100·7
VII. Cotton	10	*	+ 3·0	143·6	143·6	81·4
VIII. Wool	11	*	+ 1·0	171·9	171·9	102·6
IX. Other textiles ...	9	*	+ 3·3	127·2	127·2	74·1
X. Chemicals and oils	15	+ 0·1	+ 6·5	134·6	134·5	93·0
XI. Miscellaneous ...	33	− 0·7	+ 1·3	170·6	171·8	96·1
Total — Industrial materials and manufactures ...	132	− 0·1	+ 2·0	159·2	159·4	102·2
TOTAL—All articles... ...	200	− 0·6	+ 4·8	159·8	160·7	98·1
Industrial materials (excluding fuel):—						
Basic materials ...	33	− 0·7	+ 0·5	167·9	169·1	94·5
Intermediate products	38	+ 0·1	+ 1·7	168·3	168·1	104·0
Manufactured articles	48	+ 0·1	+ 2·5	152·3	152·2	108·7
Building materials ...	16	+ 0·2	+ 3·1	143·6	143·3	104·1

* No appreciable change.

Wholesale prices in June, as measured by the Board of Trade index number, were 0·6 per cent. lower than in May, the first decline since the outbreak of war. Food prices fell by 1·3 per cent. mainly due to a reaction in the price of malting barley from the extremely high levels recently attained, while industrial materials and manufactures showed a decline of 0·1 per cent. The aggregate increases since the outbreak of war were: general index 63 per cent., food prices 77½ per cent., and industrial materials and manufactures 56 per cent.

The re-grouped data, in which the prices of industrial materials and manufactures (except fuel) are classified according to the stage of completion reached by the products concerned, showed a decrease of 0·7 per cent. for basic materials and a slight increase (0·1 per cent.) for both intermediate products and manufactured articles. Increases in comparison with August 1939 were: basic materials 78 per cent., intermediate products 62 per cent., and manufactured articles 40 per cent. Prices of building materials were 0·2 per cent. higher than in May, the increase since the outbreak of war being 38 per cent.

Food and Tobacco.—There was a sharp reaction in malting barley prices in June, following an almost unbroken series of rises in the preceding twelve months, and as a consequence the index number for cereals showed a fall of 4 per cent. The largest movement in the miscellaneous food and tobacco group was the reduction as from 15 June of about 14½ per cent. in the controlled price of tomatoes; other price movements within this group were inconsiderable. Meat, fish and egg prices were all unchanged for the second month in succession.

Industrial Materials and Manufactures.—The fall of 0·7 per cent. shown by the miscellaneous group index was due to a reduction of 7 per cent. in the prices of imported hides and goatskins. The rise of 0·5 per cent. recorded for non-ferrous metals was due to rises of 50s. per ton (7 per cent.) for lead pipes and 30s. per ton (4 per cent.) for lead sheets, these two items being averaged with the price of English lead, which was unchanged. In the "other textiles" group there was a rise of nearly 2 per cent. in the price of linen yarn (aero warp), which was offset by a similar decline in the price of jute.

Percentage Changes.—The following table shows in 5 per cent. ranges the increases and decreases among the price averages for food and industrial materials:—

JUNE COMPARED WITH MAY

Per cent.	Food (68 items)		Industrial materials (132 items)	
	Increases	Decreases	Increases	Decreases
5–10	–	4	–	3
Under 5	5	7	5	1
Total	5	*14	5	4

* Including three decreases of 18 per cent. in the Gazette average price for barley.

Announcements

NOTE: Copies of all Orders referred to in the "Board of Trade Journal" can be purchased from H.M. Stationery Office, or through any bookseller.

ELECTRIC TORCH AND LAMP CASES

CONTROL OF MANUFACTURE

The Board of Trade have issued the Electric Torch and Lamp Case Order, 1942 (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 1300, price 1d.). The Order, which comes into force on 10 August 1942, prohibits the manufacture except under licence of any electric torch or lamp case designed to contain a battery composed of one or more cells where the capacity of each cell does not exceed 58 c.c.

Applications for licences should be addressed to the Board of Trade, Industrial Supplies Department, Millbank, London, S.W.1.

RECONDITIONED SERVICE CLOTHING

Used Service apparel which has been reconditioned for issue to civilians is to have a special identification mark consisting of the monogram "RSC" enclosed in a diamond, alongside the words "Reconditioned Service Clothing."

Under an Order issued by the Board of Trade—The Reconditioned Service Clothing (Identification) Order, 1942 (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 1213, price 1d.)—no person may apply this mark to any apparel except under the authority of a Government Department; and, when once the mark has been duly applied to any apparel, no person may remove or deface it.

CLOTHING INDUSTRY CONCENTRATION

Sir Thomas Barlow, Director-General of Civilian Clothing, met representatives of the makers-up of men's, women's and children's clothing and of the trade union concerned, on 7 July to inform them of coming calls upon the industry for the release of factory space, and of some of the younger workers, for urgent war needs.

The Director-General laid proposals before the meeting for a scheme of orderly concentration on a regional basis to enable the release to be made with the least possible loss of output, since the Service clothing and clothing for civilians which are made by the trade are vital to the war effort.

The representatives of the trade were in agreement that all resources of space and labour must be used to the best advantage, and undertook to submit their views to the Board of Trade as soon as possible.

Announcements—*Continued.*

TRADING WITH THE ENEMY

ADVICE TO SHIPPERS

NEUTRAL VESSELS AGAINST WHICH DISCRIMINATION IS BEING EXERCISED BY THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC WARFARE

(*a*) SHIPOWNERS ON THE STATUTORY LIST

Shippers, banks and other financial and commercial concerns are hereby notified that the following vessels belong to owners who are included in the Statutory List, and that it is an offence against the Trading with the Enemy Act for any shipper to make use of such vessels. Shipments by such vessels in addition to being liable to seizure render the shippers or those connected with the consignment liable to prosecution.

Vessel	Flag	Tons	Owners or Charterers
Galatasaray	Turkey	724	Sadikoglu, Asian, Kaptan
Ollanta	Peru	144	Mrs. G. A. de Leemhuis, Callao
Cala Antio	Spain	134	Naviera Mallorquina (D. Ramis Mut.)
Cala Contesa ...	Ditto	207	Ditto
Cala Falco	Ditto	75	Ditto
Cala Gallota... ...	Ditto	100	Ditto
Cala Llamp	Ditto	126	Ditto
Cala Llonga... ...	Ditto	111	Ditto
Cala Marsal	Ditto	199	Ditto
Cala Mondrago ...	Ditto	203	Ditto
Cala Morlanda ...	Ditto	293	Ditto
Cala Murta	Ditto	152	Ditto
Cala Pi	Ditto	197	Ditto
Cala Gat	Ditto	283	Ditto
Cala Tuent	Ditto	121	Ditto
Juanot Colom ...	Ditto	111	Ditto
Manuel Gusap ...	Ditto	123	Ditto
Piedad	Ditto	90	Ditto
Cala Fornells ...	Ditto	93	Ditto
Cala Virgili	Ditto	96	Ditto
Cala Bona	Ditto	72	Ditto
Cala Castell	Ditto	123	Ditto.
Cala Mitjana ...	Ditto	92	Ditto.
Eduardo Weibel ...	Ditto	229	Ditto
Jose Trujillo ...	Spain	338	Cia Comercial Maritima de Transportes S.A.
Caranza	Ditto	524	J. Trujillo Zafra e Hijos
Almagro	Argentine	282	A. M. Delfino y Cia
San Martin	Ditto	220	Ditto
Buenos Aires ...	Ditto	2,263	Argentina Neuva Cia General de Navegacion
Comodoro Rivadavia	Ditto	4,482	Ditto
Rio Blanco (ex Madryn) ...	Ditto	1,827	Ditto
Atleta	Ditto	105	La Portena Empresa de Remolcadores
Ciclope	Ditto	173	Ditto
Coloso	Ditto	247	Ditto
Gigante	Ditto	236	Ditto
Goliat	Ditto	237	Ditto
Hercules	Ditto	173	Ditto
Samson	Ditto	237	Ditto
Titan	Ditto	188	Ditto
Pescador	Portugal	532	Transportes Mecanicos Mario Silva
Transportador (ex Trevo 2°) ...	Ditto	202	A. Transportadora Ltda
Esmeralda	Argentine	4,528	Dolphin Company, Inc. (Mgr. Alex Vlasov)
(ex Oltul)	(ex Roumania)		
Tropicus	Argentine	3,609	Ditto
(ex Prahova) ...	(ex Roumania)		
Omega	Panama	3,638	Ditto
(ex Siretul)	(ex Roumania)		
San Miguel	Spain	106	Andres S. Ceballos.
San Martin	Argentine	8,498	Argentina de Navegacion Lloyd Argentina S.A.
(ex Lahn)	(ex German)		
Belgrano	Argentine	4,318	Ditto
(ex Nienburg) ...	(ex German)		
Santa Fe	Argentine	2,446	Ditto
(ex Anatolia) ...	(ex German)		
Industrial	Spanish	813	Soc. Anon. Cristobal Colon of Madrid
Marina	Ditto	172	Ditto
Suevia	Ditto	353	Ditto
San Isidro Labrador	Ditto	235	Cia Comercial Maritima de Transportes S.A.
San Juan II... ...	Ditto	552	Ditto
Adeje...	Ditto	253	Ditto.
Isora...	Ditto	316	Ditto
Vicente	Ditto	534	Cia Naviera Levantina Ltda.
Laguna	Brazilian	620	Herman Stoltz & Co. Rio de Janeiro
Nina (ex Dina) ...	Portugal	273	Madureira E. Rego. Lda.
Delfin	Spanish	98	Julio Gonsalez Martin, Las Palmas
Maria Bonmatti ...	Ditto	54	Ditto
Sebastian	Ditto	3,024	Cia Comercial Maritima de Transportes
Tercio Montejurra ...	Ditto	549	Ditto
Anna	Brazil	721	Empreza Nacional de Navegacao Hoepcke (Carlos Hoepcke S.A.)
Carl Hoepcke ...	Ditto	1,249	Ditto
Max	Ditto	247	Ditto
Presidente Mitre ...	Argentine	372	Cia Argentina Comercial e Industrial de Pesquerla
Presidente Roca ...	Ditto	412	Ditto
Fermina Concepcion	Spain	80	Manuel Rodriguez
Mareante	Portugal	212	Virgilio Duque Simoes
Carvalho	Ditto	27	Henrique Da Silva Pinto Ferro
Alvalazere	Portugal	258	Jose Rui de Matos Pereira
Southern Cross ...	Mexico	1,851	Axel Wennergren
Maria Amalia ...	Spanish	744	Cia Comercial Maritima de Transportes S.A.
San Eduardo... ...	Spain	300	Ditto
Ellen (ex Nera Ametza)	Ditto	359	Ditto
Sidi Ifni	Spanish	732	S. A. Hispana-Africana de Reconocimentos Atlanticos.
Herlinda	Panama	425	Gulf Shipping Co.

(*b*) SHIPS DISCRIMINATION LIST

Shippers, banks and other financial and commercial concerns are warned that shipments by the following vessel may lead to difficulties :—

Vessel	Flag	Tons	Owners
Campechano (ex Santa Helena)	Panama	4,680	Cia Primera de Navigacione Ltda. (Manager, S. H. Jossifoglu)

CONSUMER RATIONING ORDER, 1941

COUPON RETURNS BY REGISTERED TRADERS

The form of coupon return at present in use by registered traders is under revision, and a specimen of the new form of return, with explanatory notes, will be sent to every registered trader as soon as possible. Returns in the new form will be required *quarterly*, the first period being the three months from 1 June to 31 August 1942. In the meantime, registered traders should keep records of their coupons as before, and may deliver coupons on account to the Board of Trade at the end of each month, using transfer vouchers.

Registered traders who have not already done so must complete their returns on the old basis up to 31 May 1942, and deliver their outstanding coupons as soon as possible.

PURCHASE TAX

LIABILITY DECISIONS

The following decisions regarding the liability to tax of certain articles are published as supplementary to those already given in Notice No. 78.

Class 2. Exempt Fabrics—Heavy Industrial Canvas.—The Commissioners of Customs and Excise have reviewed the position of vehicle hood materials under the Purchase Tax and have decided that in future vehicle hood canvas (plain or twill weave) externally uncoated and either undyed or piece or yarn-dyed in one colour, whether or not proofed or interlined with rubber or other adhesive, is eligible for exemption from tax as heavy industrial canvas provided it weighs 12 oz. or more per square yard and does not contain any admixture of silk, artificial silk or wool.

All other hood fabrics, including leatherette and similar materials and fabrics woven from different coloured or multi-coloured yarns, or having surfaces of different colours are not regarded as industrial canvas and are taxable under Class 2 (a).

(This decision involves an amendment to page 9 of Notice No. 78.)

Eye Baths.—It has been decided that all eye baths are chargeable with tax at the rate of 33⅓ per cent. These articles accordingly fall under Class 4 (i) if made of earthenware, Class 5 (a) (i) if made of glassware, and Class 16 (a) if made of plastic material. The item is deleted from Class 17. (This decision involves an amendment at pages 29 and 31 of Notice No. 78.) Secretaries' Office, Customs and Excise, City Gate House, Finsbury Square, London, E.C.2.

MINISTRY OF SUPPLY CONTROLS

FERTILISER PRICES

It has been decided to continue the stabilisation of fertiliser prices for the season 1942/43 and the Minister of Supply has accordingly made the Control of Fertilisers (No. 23) Order, 1942 (S. R. & O. 1942, No. 1216, price 2d.) and a General Direction thereunder, whereby the existing maximum prices for sulphate of ammonia, superphosphates, ground phosphate and compound fertilisers are maintained. The control of sulphate of ammonia prices has also been extended to Northern Ireland.

Provision has again been made for substantial early delivery rebates; and by the Control of Fertilisers (No. 21) Order, 1942, Direction No. 1 (see the "Board of Trade Journal" of 25 April 1942, page 223), early delivery rebates are granted on triple superphosphates.

LAC FOR SOUND RECORDS

The Minister of Supply has issued the Control of Lac (No. 1) Order, 1942 (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 1274, price 1d.) under which the use or consumption of any lac for the purpose of making sound records is made subject to licence. The Order takes effect from 14 July 1942 and applications for licences to use or to consume lac for that purpose on or after that date, whether from existing stock or not, should be addressed to the Ministry of Supply, Raw Materials Department (Lac Control), The Castle, Warwick.

Lac is defined as the resinous secretion of the lac insect, whether in the form of sticklac, seedlac, buttonlac, shellac, recovered lac, or any other form.

Announcements—*Continued.*

PAPER FOR PERIODICALS

The Minister of Supply has issued a Direction No. 10 under the Control of Paper (No. 36) Order, 1941 (see the "Board of Trade Journal" of 22 November 1941, page 316), limiting the quantity of paper (including any imported printed sheets) which may be consumed in the production of any news-bulletin, magazine or periodical in the four months of July to October to 6¼ per cent. of the aggregate weight of the paper used therefor in the period of 12 months which ended on 31 August 1939.

Where any periodical was first printed between September 1939 and 27 May 1940, the quantity of paper which may be used is also determined by the Direction.

NATURAL RESINS

The Minister of Supply has made the Control of Natural Resins (No. 1) Order, 1942 (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 1253, price 1d.) which makes subject to licence the acquisition, disposal, treatment, use or consumption of damar, gum damar, manilla and gum manilla. Applications for licences, and all enquiries, should be addressed to the Miscellaneous Chemicals Control, Terminal House, 52 Grosvenor Gardens, London, S.W.1.

BRISTLES

The Minister of Supply has made the Control of Bristles (No. 2) Order, 1942 (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 1254, price 1d.) amending the previous Order.

Under the previous Order certain exceptions were made to the general rule that a licence was required for consumption of bristle. These exceptions are now withdrawn and all consumption of bristle for brush making requires a licence.

The Order also amends the definition of bristle and makes plain that the Order applies only to hair of the pig, hog or boar of the type known as bristle, and not to hog hair. Applications for licences and other enquiries should be addressed to the Ministry of Supply, R.M. 2C, The Castle, Warwick.

MAXIMUM PAPER PRICES

The Minister of Supply has issued Directions No 1 (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 1272, price 1d.) and No. 2 (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 1273, price 1d.) under the Control of Paper (No. 25) Order, 1940 (S. R. & O. 1940 No. 1874, price 10d.) fixing maximum prices for the sale by producers and merchants of paper in sheets or reels produced wholly or mainly from the following descriptions of waste paper or any mixture thereof, namely: mixed papers, coloured cards, strawboards, centres, jacquard cards, millboards and fibreboard cuttings.

The maximum prices so provided are appropriate only in those cases where a maximum price for the sale of such paper by the producer or merchant concerned is not at present determined by the Control of Paper (No. 25) Order as amended by the No. 45 Order (see the "Board of Trade Journal" of 18 April 1942, page 213).

The maximum prices in the case of sales by producers for Unglazed Unsized Paper of this description range from £25 a ton for substance 30 lbs. double crown 480s. to £43 10s. per ton for substance 14 lbs. double crown 480s, and for machine glazed unsized paper from £31 per ton for substances under 29 lbs. to £32 5s. for substance 17 lbs. double crown 480s. An additional charge of £1 a ton can be added for sizing. These prices are to be taken as the mill basic prices when determining the maximum price for sales by merchants.

The Directions came into force on 6 July 1942.

MINISTRY OF FOOD ORDERS

In continuation of the list given in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 4 July (page 317), the following Orders made by the Ministry of Food have been published as S. R. & O. 1942, price 1d. :—

No. 1219. Order, dated 24 June 1942, amending the Feeding Stuffs (Maximum Prices) Order, 1941.

No. 1220. Order, dated 24 June 1942, amending the Food (Points Rationing) Order, 1942.

No. 1221. Order, dated 24 June 1942, amending the Soap (Licensing of Manufacturers and Rationing) Order, 1942.

No. 1222. Directions, dated 24 June 1942, under the Feeding Stuffs (Rationing) Order, 1942.

No. 1223. General Licence, dated 24 June 1942, under the Bread (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1941.

No. 1259. Order, dated 27 June 1942, amending the Soft Fruit (Maximum Prices) Order, 1942, and granting a General Licence thereunder, and under the Cherries (Maximum Prices) Order, 1942.

No. 1265. Order, dated 29 June 1942, amending the Directions, dated 4 April, 1942, under the Rationing Order, 1939, and the Preserves (Rationing) Order, 1941.

BRITISH STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

SILICON BRONZE INGOTS AND CASTINGS

The British Standards Institution has just issued B.S. 1029—1030 for silicon bronze. This publication is a further contribution to the action that is being taken to effect economy in the use of tin by substituting gun metals and other tin bearing alloys with alloys which do not contain tin. The specification follows the lines of the other British Standards in the series for copper alloy ingots and castings. It is hoped that it will be possible for this alloy to be used in appropriate instances for gunmetal and other rich tin alloys for special castings provided the founders have had experience with the working of this alloy. Copies of this specification may be obtained from the British Standards Institution, 28 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, price 2s. 3d., post free.

Announcements—*Continued.*

BLASTFURNACE SLAG

A War Emergency Specification (B.S. 1047) has just been issued by the British Standards Institution. Owing to the difficulties at the present time of securing the necessary output from the quarries, this specification has been prepared to enable blastfurnace slag to be used as an alternative.

The specification has been based on the results of work which had been carried out by the Building Research Station on the use of slag as a graded aggregate. The chemical tests which are necessary to determine that the aggregate is suitable are set out in full in the standard specification. The properties specified for the aggregate include the crushing strength, the weight per cubic foot, the stability, the chemical composition, the water absorption and the grading (sieve analysis). The specification also contains as an appendix general notes on the properties of concrete made with blastfurnace slag aggregate.

Copies of this new British Standard may be obtained from the British Standards Institution, 28 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, price 2s. 3d., post free.

SAND LIME BRICKS

The British Standard for Sand Lime Bricks was first issued in 1923 and subsequently revised in 1934. Since that date experimental work has been carried out by the Building Research Station, as a result of which a further revision has now been prepared and issued.

The following are the essential factors of the present revision :—

1. *Dimensions.*—The dimensions have been brought into use with the standard dimensions that have been agreed upon by the Director of Bricks in collaboration with industry. 2. *Dry shrinkage.*—Limits for dry shrinkage permissible in the bricks have been specified for special purpose and Class A bricks. As the risk of shrinkage is much less with a relatively weak mortar than with a cement mortar, a higher shrinkage limit is permitted for Class A bricks when used with mortars other than strong cement mortars. 3. *Chemical tests.*—These have been omitted from the revision as it is considered that the test for drying shrinkage together with the other strength requirements provides sufficient indication of the suitability of the brick. Suggestions as to the uses to which the different types of brick may be put are included in the foreword and some notes with regard to mortars are included in an Appendix. These should prove very useful and informative.

Copies of this specification may be obtained from the British Standards Institution, 28 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, price 2s. 3d., post free.

SCREW THREADS OF SPECIAL DIAMETERS, PITCHES AND LENGTHS OF ENGAGEMENT

In the 1940 edition of British Standard No. 84, "Screw Threads of Whitworth Form," tables were included which enabled the appropriate tolerances to be derived for threads of special diameters, pitches and lengths of engagement. The tolerances were related to the length of engagement, and accordingly, for threads of the same pitch and diameter, the strict application of the tables provided various effective diameter tolerances as the length of engagement of the thread varied.

These tables therefore required the use of different gauges for threads having the same pitch and diameter, but differing in length.

With a view to reducing to a minimum the number of gauges required during the War, new tables of tolerances for special threads have been prepared. These simplified tables provide one effective diameter tolerance only for each combination of pitch and diameter. Copies of the amendment, CG. 623, giving these revised tables, may be obtained (gratis) from the British Standards Institution, 28, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, by sending a stamped addressed envelope.

RAW COPPER

In 1924 a series of specifications for raw copper were issued bearing the reference numbers 198–203. Since that date, it had been found that the classification for the copper that was then adopted, was not very satisfactory and did not fit in with the requirements of industry. Accordingly, when a reprint of the specification became necessary, it was decided that a new series based on the classification at present adopted in industry should be developed and that the existing British Standards numbers should be withdrawn.

The above publication (I.O. 35/40) which has just been issued includes this new series. This provides for cathode copper, high conductivity copper produced electrically and by a fire refined process and for 3 grades of tough pitch copper in which conductivity is not specified. The specifications include requirements relating to surface defects, dimensions and tolerances on dimensions and marking. The procedure to be adopted in dealing with disputes is also outlined. A note in the specifications states that a complimentary document dealing with methods of

Announcements—*Continued.*

sampling and of chemical analysis for the determination of impurities is also in preparation and should be available shortly.

It is proposed that as and when the various British Standards for copper products are revised, reference will be included to the appropriate specification for raw copper.

Copies of this specification may be obtained from the British Standards Institution, 28, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, price 2s. 3d. post free.

STRUCTURAL STEEL FOR SHIPBUILDING

The revision of the series of British Standard Specifications for steels for shipbuilding purposes has now been completed with the issue of B.S. 13, which covers structural steel for shipbuilding.

The principal modifications introduced in the revision of this standard are as follows :—

(*a*) A maximum limit of 0·06 per cent. of sulphur and of phosphorus has been imposed and a sulphur print test is required for rivet bar material.

A dump test for rivet bars is also required.

(*b*) The clause on freedom from defects has been amended by the inclusion of requirements which stipulated freedom from harmful segregation of impurities and prohibit patching or welding.

(*c*) The ultimate tensile stress for plates (other than for cold flanging), originally 28 to 32 tons per sq. in., and for bars and sections, originally 28 to 33 tons per sq. in., have been amended and now include two ranges, namely, 28 to 33 and 26 to 32 tons per sq. in.

The purchaser is required to specify which range he desires when placing his order.

For plates intended for cold flanging the percentage of elongation, originally 16 per cent. for thicknesses under $\frac{3}{8}$ inch and 20 per cent. for thicknesses $\frac{3}{8}$ inch and over, has been made 19 and 23 per cent. respectively.

(*d*) Temper bend tests are no longer required and a reduction has been made in the number of cold bend tests required for bars and sections.

Copies of this specification may be obtained from the British Standards Institution, 28, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, price 2s. 3d. post free.

EXPORT CREDITS GUARANTEE DEPARTMENT

RETURN FOR JUNE QUARTER

The following statement shows the aggregate amount of the guarantees given during the past quarter under section 1 of the Export Guarantees Act, 1939 :—

During the quarter ended 30 June 1942 the Department assumed liability up to a maximum of £8,420,481 in respect of contracts, policies and guarantees amounting to £16,876,964.

NEW CAPITAL ISSUES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION, JANUARY—JUNE

The following statistics have been compiled by the Midland Bank Ltd. They *exclude* all borrowings by the British Government; shares issued to vendors; allotments arising from the capitalisation of reserve funds and undivided profits; sales of already issued securities which add nothing to the capital resources of the company whose securities have been offered; issues for conversion or redemption of securities previously held in the United Kingdom; short-dated bills sold in anticipation of long-term borrowings; and loans of municipal and county authorities which are not specifically limited. In all cases the figures are based upon the prices of issue.

New Capital Issues in the United Kingdom

Period	Total	Geographical Distribution		
		United Kingdom	British Oversea Countries	Foreign Countries
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
1937, 1st half ..	97,416	80,661	15,633	1,122
2nd ,, ..	73,490	58,107	9,305	6,078
1938, 1st ,, ..	74,051	56,139	14,916	2,996
2nd ,, ..	44,046	36,607	6,368	1,071
1939, 1st ,, ..	57,145	39,906	17,018	221
2nd ,, ..	9,149	3,429	1,295	4,425
1940, 1st ,, ..	3,068	2,716	157	195
2nd ,, ..	1,028	828	200	—
1941, 1st ,, ..	1,280	1,031	249	—
2nd ,, ..	1,046	896	150	—
1942, 1st ,, ..	660	660	—	—

Customs Regulations and Tariff Changes

BRITISH EMPIRE

CANADA

CUSTOMS TARIFF

H.M. Senior Trade Commissioner at Ottawa has forwarded a copy of a Memorandum (Series D, No. 47, T.C. 71), dated 5 June, issued by the Department of National Revenue, which states that by Order in Council (P.C. 4626) the following new tariff item has been established, with effect from 1 May 1942 until further notice :—

840. Grog, produced by calcining fire clay, or in the form of calcined dobbies, fire brick, or other refractory shapes, which have been broken, crushed or ground, screened to size or not, but not further manufactured, when imported for use exclusively by manufacturers of refractory materials in the manufacture of such materials.

British Preferential Tariff ...	60 cts. per ton.
Intermediate Tariff	$1·00 ,,
General Tariff	$1·15 ,,

Provided that in no case shall the duty exceed :—

British Preferential Tariff ...	$12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
Intermediate Tariff	20 ,,
General Tariff	$22\frac{1}{2}$,,

FALKLAND ISLANDS

IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

The "Falklands Islands Gazette" of 1 April contains a copy of a notice which provides for the deletion of artificial silk hose and other artificial silk underwear or haberdashery and artificial silk piece-goods or apparel from the list of goods the importation of which into the Falkland Islands is totally prohibited (see notice in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 18 October 1941, pages 241-243).

FAROE ISLANDS

IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

With reference to the notice published under the above heading in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 20 December 1941 (pages 392-393), the Board of Trade have been informed that motor-tyres, cycle and motor-cycle tyres and soap of all kinds have been transferred from the free list to the restricted list.

NEW ZEALAND

IMPORT LICENSING—SIXTH PERIOD

With reference to the notice under the above heading in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 6 June (pages 283-284) and previous notices, H.M. Senior Trade Commissioner at Wellington has reported the following further modifications in the schedule of import restrictions for the sixth period :—

Tariff Items and Goods

ex 180/1. ex 184 Textile piece-goods (other than moquettes, tapestry, and tickings), of cotton, linen, hemp, jute (excluding jute and hessian piece-goods manufactured in India), other vegetable fibre, silk, artificial silk, imitation silk, or of combinations of those materials with one another, or with any other material (except wool or hair).

Licences granted in respect of imports from the United Kingdom may be amended, on request, to permit the importation of handkerchiefs, cut but unsewn (Tariff Item 184).

ex 239. Hair and toilet combs. Additional licences may be granted for imports from the United Kingdom to the extent of 50 per cent. of the value of applicants' imports of similar goods from that source in 1938.

Such licences are to be utilised for imports of plain combs only, and are to be noted accordingly.

EXPORT

The fact that goods made of raw materials in short supply owing to war conditions are advertised in this Journal should not be taken as an indication that they are necessarily available for export.

Customs Regulations and Tariff Changes—*Continued.*

FOREIGN

CUBA

CUSTOMS TARIFF

H.M. Representative at Havana has forwarded translation of a Decree, No. 1459, dated 28 May 1942, which provides, *inter alia*, that, during the current year and until the tariffs applicable to 1943 are published, the rates of the minimum tariff of the existing Customs duties shall apply to the products grown, produced or manufactured in friendly countries not occupied by the nations which are at war with Cuba, irrespective of the results of the trade during the year 1941.

PRICE REGULATION

The Price and Supplies Control Office set up by the Presidential Decree on 13 May has issued an order fixing the sole prices on foodstuffs, goods and merchandise in Cuba at the levels obtaining during the middle of March 1942. The Order applies to imported as well as domestically produced articles. Certain articles are, however, excepted. Retailers of articles of prime necessity are allowed a profit of 20 per cent. over the cost, plus the cost of transport. The profit of wholesale dealers in imported merchandise is fixed at 10 per cent. on the article at its market of origin, plus freight, insurance, consular fees, etc. Price ceilings may be increased or lowered and the profit margin adjusted at any time.

The text of the Regulation may be seen at the Department of Overseas Trade, Hawkins House, Dolphin Square, Grosvenor Road, London, S.W.1.

EGYPT

EXPORT PROHIBITIONS

With reference to previous notices under the above heading in the "Board of Trade Journal," the Egyptian "Journal Officiel" of 25 May 1942 contains a decree adding onions to the list of goods, the exportation of which is prohibited except under special authorisation of the Minister of Finance.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

RESTRICTIONS ON WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' CLOTHING

With reference to the notice under the above heading in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 23 May (page 265), the Board of Trade have received a copy of an amendment to Limitation Order L-85 which *inter alia* amends certain of the Schedules of sizes attached to the original Order and has the effect of providing that clothing covered by the Order when manufactured in foreign countries and imported and received in customs in the United States after 1 June must comply with the Order.

The Board have also received a copy of General Limitation Order L-118 which places restrictions on the manufacture and sale of women's and children's robes, bath robes, negligees, housecoats and lounging pyjamas.

Copies of these Orders can be seen by persons interested on application to the Department of Overseas Trade, Hawkins House, Dolphin Square, Grosvenor Road, London, S.W.1.

NOTICE

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The Publishers (to whom should be addressed all communications concerning subscriptions and sales) are H.M. Stationery Office, York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2, or Branches.

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Statutory and Other Government Notices

CORN PRICES

The following statement shows the average prices of British corn per cwt. of 112 Imperial† pounds as received from the Inspectors of Corn Returns in the week ended 4 July 1942 pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882, and the Corn Sales Act, 1921:—

Period	Average Price for Cwt.		
	Wheat	Barley	Oats
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Week ended 4 July 1942	15 10	42 7	14 7

† Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, as amended by Section 2 of the Corn Sales Act, 1921, provides that in the weekly summary of quantities and prices each sort of British corn shall be computed with reference to the hundredweight of one hundred and twelve Imperial standard pounds.

POSTAL SECTION

MAILS LOST BY ENEMY ACTION

The Postmaster-General regrets to announce that the undermentioned *surface* mails have been lost by enemy action:—

FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM

Parcels for:—	Districts and Approximate Dates of Posting
British Honduras, Guatemala and Honduras Republic.	London and Provinces: 19 April-6 May.
Jamaica and Turk's Island	London and Provinces: 18 April-6 May.
Malta	London and Provinces: 27-28 May.

PATENT AND DESIGNS ACTS, 1907 to 1942

PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTION 24

LICENCES OF RIGHT

The following Patents were endorsed "Licences of Right" on 3 July 1942.

No. of Patent	Grantee	Subject Matter
502070	Lyon, H. L.	Rotary engines.
507812	American Can Co.	Can-closing machines.
508275	American Can Co.	Methods of producing container parts.
517771	Turner, H. ..	Refrigerating apparatus for display windows and the like.
536501	Turner, H. ..	Refrigerating display apparatus.
531093	Union Starch and Refining Co.	Starch hydrolysis.
531433	Gylleuram, B. R. ..	Pipe couplings

The Patent Office.

M. F. LINDLEY,
Comptroller-General.

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Statutory and Other Government Notices—*Continued.*

CINEMATOGRAPH FILMS ACT, 1938

FILMS REGISTERED IN THE WEEK ENDED 6 JULY 1942

Title of Film	Registered in the name of	Maker's name	Length (feet)	Registered No.	Date of Registration
		BRITISH			
Down Our Street	N.S.S. Productions Ltd.	Merton Park Studios Ltd. ...	576	BR/E. 5418	1 July
There's Nothing New ...	General Film Distributors Ltd. ...	G.B. Instructional Ltd.	870	BR/R. 5419	1 July
The Young Mr. Pitt ...	Twentieth Century-Fox Film Co. Ltd.	Twentieth Century-Productions Ltd.	10,643	BR/TR. 5423	2 July
Start A Land Club	N.S.S. Productions Ltd.	Films of Great Britain Ltd. ...	681	BR/E. 5424	2 July
Suspected Person	Pathé Pictures Ltd.	Associated British Picture Corp. Ltd.	6,785	BR/R. 5425	2 July
Our Film	General Film Distributors Ltd. ...	Denham Studios Film Workers ...	1,241	BR/R. 5432	2 July
South Of the Border... ...	Warner Brothers Pictures Ltd. ...	Associated Independent Producers of Great Britain Ltd.	1,499	BR/R. 5433	3 July
		FOREIGN			
Heart Of The Rio Grande ...	British Lion Film Corp. Ltd. ...	Republic Productions Inc. ...	6,145	F. 5416	30 June
Defeat Of The Germans Near Moscow.	Anglo-American Film Corp. Ltd.	Central Newsreel Studios ...	5,000	F. 5417	30 June
The Toll of Treachery ...	General Film Distributors Ltd. ...	Universal Pictures Co. Inc. ...	1,556	F. 5420	1 July
The Mail Goes Through ...	Ditto	Ditto	1,659	F. 5421	1 July
Shuffle Rhythm	Ditto	Ditto	1,325	F. 5422	1 July
Man From Headquarters ...	Pathé Pictures Ltd.	Monogram Pictures Corp. ...	5,825	F. 5426	2 July
Snuffy Smith—Yard Bird ...	Ditto	Ditto	6,124	F. 5427	2 July
Law Of The Jungle	Ditto	Ditto	5,507	F. 5428	2 July
Duke Of The Navy	Ditto	Producers' Releasing Corp. ...	5,883	F. 5429	2 July
To-day I Hang	Ditto	Ditto	6,110	F. 5430	2 July
Twin Beds	United Artists Corp. Ltd. ...	Edward Small Productions Inc....	7,551	F. 5431	2 July
Juke Girl	Warner Brothers Pictures Ltd. ...	Warner Brothers Pictures Inc. ...	8,088	F. 5434	3 July
All Through The Night ...	Ditto	Ditto	9,649	F. 5435	3 July
Always In My Heart ...	Ditto	Ditto	8,439	F. 5436	3 July
Ali Baba Bound	Ditto	Ditto	658	F. 5437	3 July
Don Cossack Chorus ...	Ditto	Ditto	839	F. 5438	3 July
Grand Central Murder ...	Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures Ltd.	Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer	6,620	F. 5439	3 July

BR/E indicates "for the exhibitors' quota only."
BR/R indicates "for the exhibitors' and renters' quotas."
BR/TR indicates "for the exhibitors' quota and trebled for the renters' quota."

* The registered title of the film "Take a Letter, Darling" (F. 5415), notification of which appeared in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 4 July 1942, has been altered to "Green Eyed Woman."

EXPORT CREDITS GUARANTEES

PROVISION FOR PROTECTION AGAINST LOSS

Under the provisions of the Export Guarantees Act, 1939, the Export Credits Guarantee Department is authorised to give guarantees to United Kingdom exporters for the purpose of encouraging export trade. War conditions have greatly increased the risks to which exporters are exposed in oversea trading, and the Department has put into operation special facilities giving them protection against these risks on exceptionally favourable terms.

The standard form of cover is the War Emergency policy which covers the exporter of consumable goods sold for cash, or on short credit, from the time he books an order until he receives the amount due to him in payment for the goods. An exporter who is prepared to insure with the Department the whole of his export orders can thus obtain protection against loss due to :—

(*a*) his buyer's insolvency ;

(*b*) exchange restrictions in the buyer's country ;

(*c*) events such as war in the buyer's country preventing payment for goods shipped or preventing their delivery ;

(*d*) additional handling, insurance and freight charges not covered by Marine or Government war risk policies caused by interruption or diversion (through British Government instructions) of the voyage on which the goods are shipped.

The cover at present available is either 85 per cent. or 90 per cent., according to the particular risk.

The Department also issues a policy which enables exporters to quote firm c.i.f. prices some months ahead of shipment. Under this guarantee exporters in respect of any c.i.f. transaction are covered against any rise in marine insurance, Government war risk insurance and freight rates occurring within an agreed period (normally six months).

Other policies are available to meet special requirements of exporters in particular cases.

The strictest secrecy is observed in all correspondence and transactions.

Exporters are invited to apply for further particulars to the Headquarters of the Export Credits Guarantee Department at 9, Clements Lane, Lombard Street, London, E.C.4, or to any of the branch offices :—

London—73 King William Street, E.C.4.
Telephone—MANsion House 3131

Manchester—Midland Bank Buildings, 56, Spring Gardens,
Telephone : Blackfriars 9866.

Bradford—69, Market Street.
Telephone : Bradford 8912.

Birmingham—37, Temple Street, Birmingham, 2.
Telephone : Midland 1527.

Sheffield—Fargate House, Fargate, Sheffield, 1.
Telephone : Sheffield 25898.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne—21, Mosley Street.
Telephone : Newcastle 21104.

Glasgow—7, West George Street, C.2.
Telephone : Central 3056.

Belfast—Scottish Provident Buildings, 7, Donegall Square West.
Telephone : Belfast 21116.

Edinburgh—A representative of the Department is in attendance every Wednesday at the Chamber of Commerce, 25, Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, where he may be consulted on all matters connected with the Department's work.

In many other industrial towns the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce has undertaken to arrange appointments for interviews with officers of the Export Credits Guarantee Department visiting the locality. Such visits are made at frequent intervals for the convenience of exporters.

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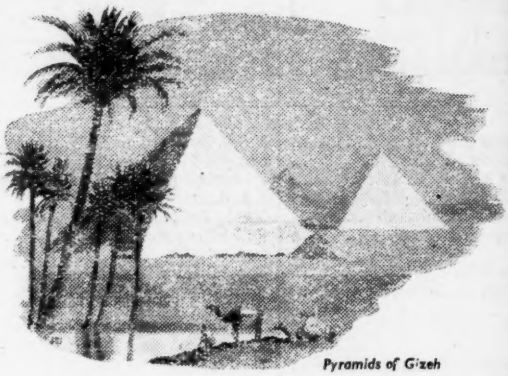

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